Flag Cancels

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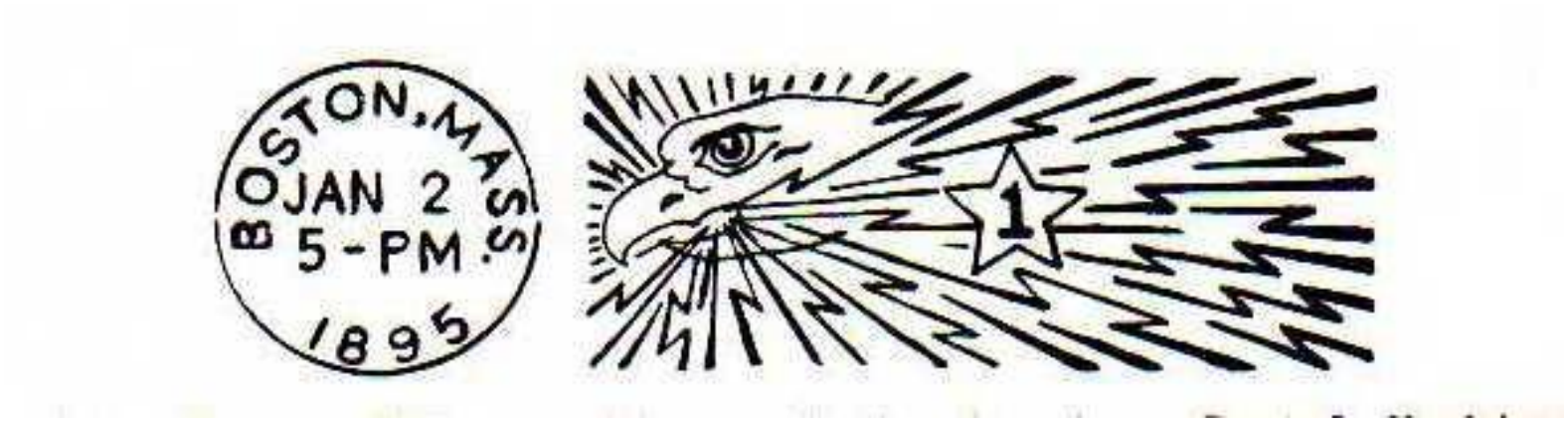
Unites States Flag Cancels



American Postal Machine Company

1894-1941

And others…

United States Flag Cancels

- US Machine cancels – 1847-1870, 1870-1894
- 1894 an important year
- Overwhelming increase in mail flow
- Technology changes – industrial age
- Many innovators, inventors, and companies
- Hand and machine power
- Political procurement

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- American Postal Machine Company
- Boston based – 445 varieties in Boston alone
- State of the art in 1894 – however…
- Completely phased out by 1941
- National distribution – 3198 towns, 6968 vars
- Detailed USPD records

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- Collecting flag cancels
- Slow start – 1920's postal history
- 1930's depression style collecting – write ins
- Frederick Langford
- The Bible – FCE 4 editions
- New finds and not founds
- Ratings and valuations

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- Typical FCE state entry – Delaware

6 Towns — D E L A W A R E — 8 Varieties

State Name invariably "DEL."

Delmar	A	14	11- 86	1924	1926	70	Laurel	A	14	23-LFHC-01	1923	1926	42
Dover	B	14	06- 08	1906	1909	22	Milford	A	14	18- 01	1921	1924	38
Dover	B	14 diff. die	07-129		1909	75	Newark	A	14	11- 01	1924	1925	55
(The above is used only in Oct., Nov., Dec., 1909)													
Dover	A	14	07-129	1910	1925	20	Smyrna	A	14	08- 84	1924	1926	80

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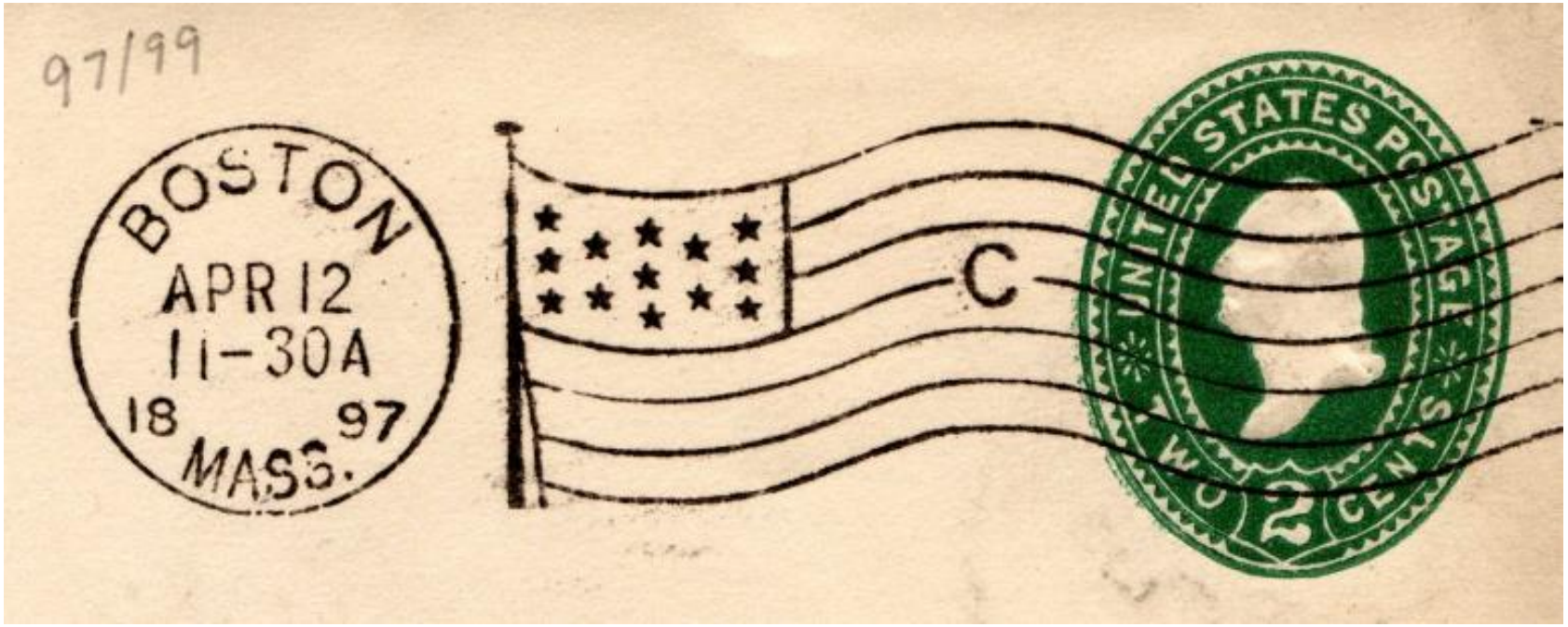
- Cancel = dial + canceller (killer)
- Interchangeable dials



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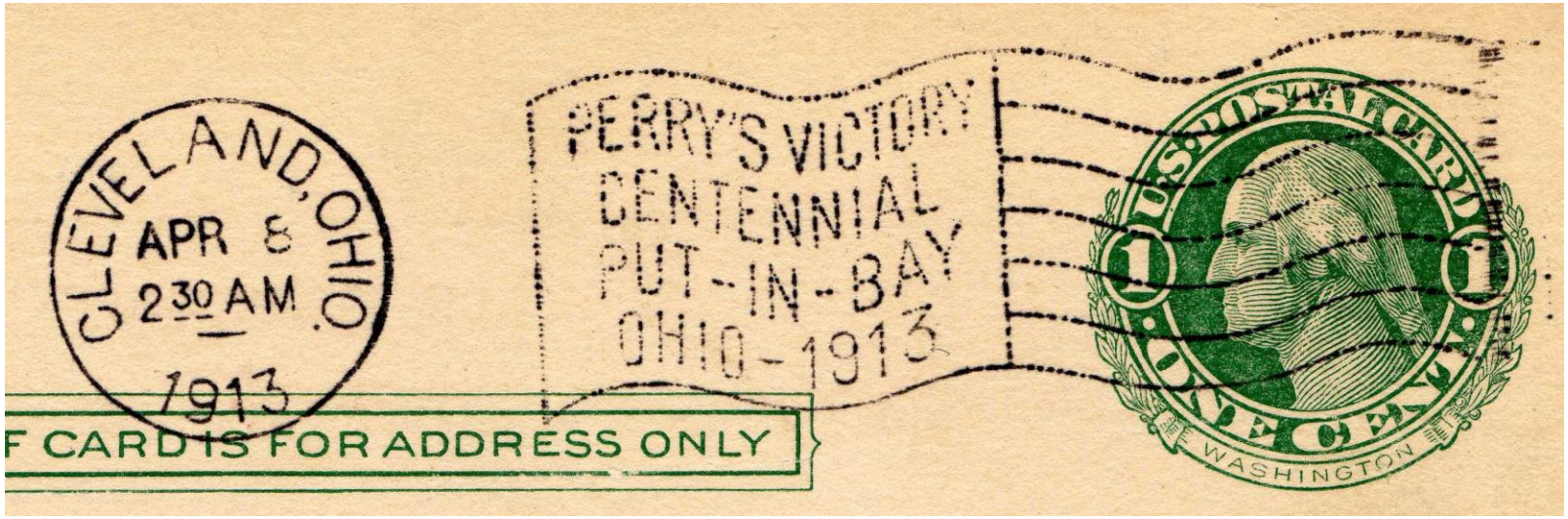
- A flag cancel must have STARS or STAFF or BOTH
- This is NOT considered a flag cancel



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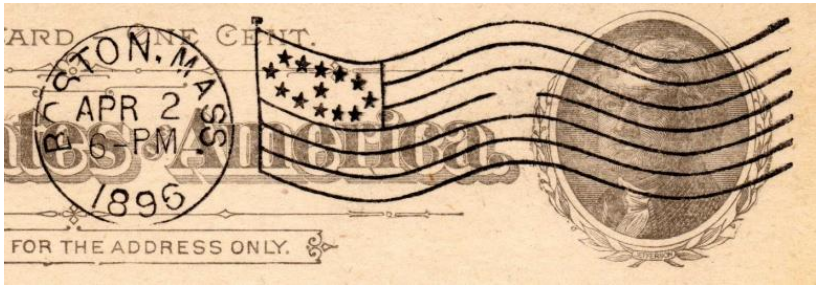
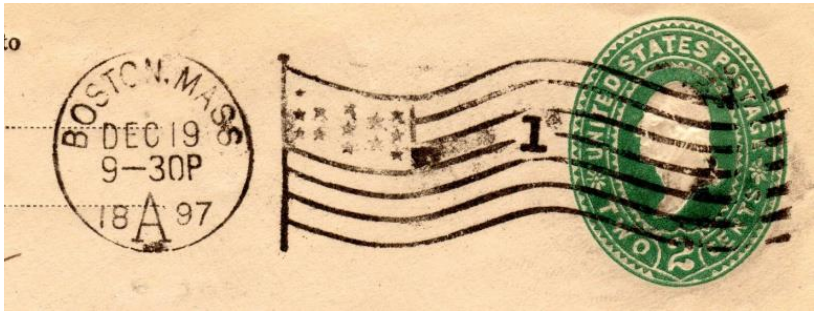
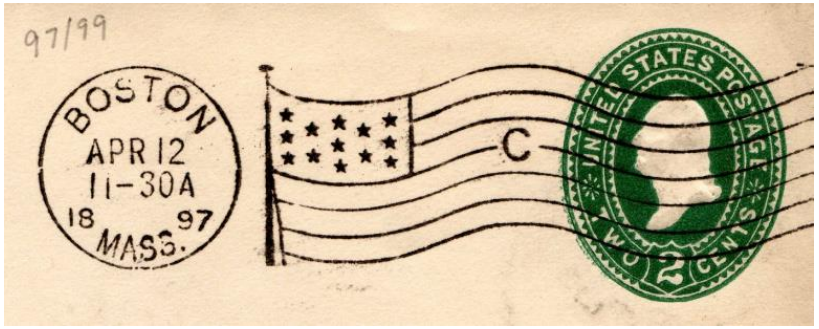
- Canceller = field, in box + stripes
- Staff, halyard







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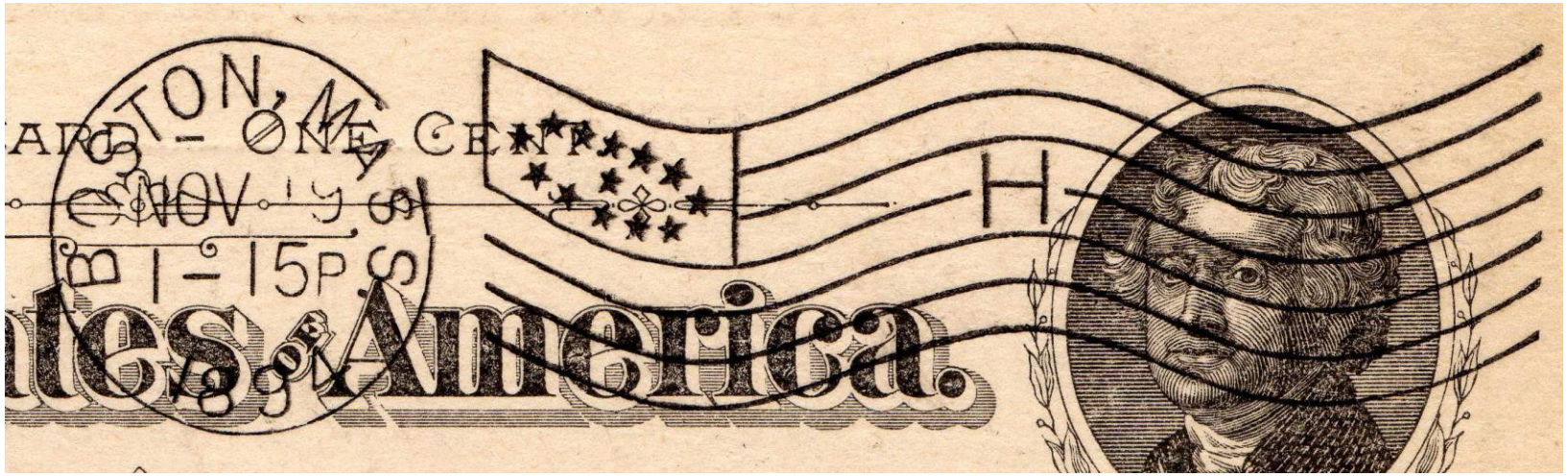
- The minimal APCM flag cancel
- 1894 first year EKU is October 31
- No halyard, no staff, incomplete stripes



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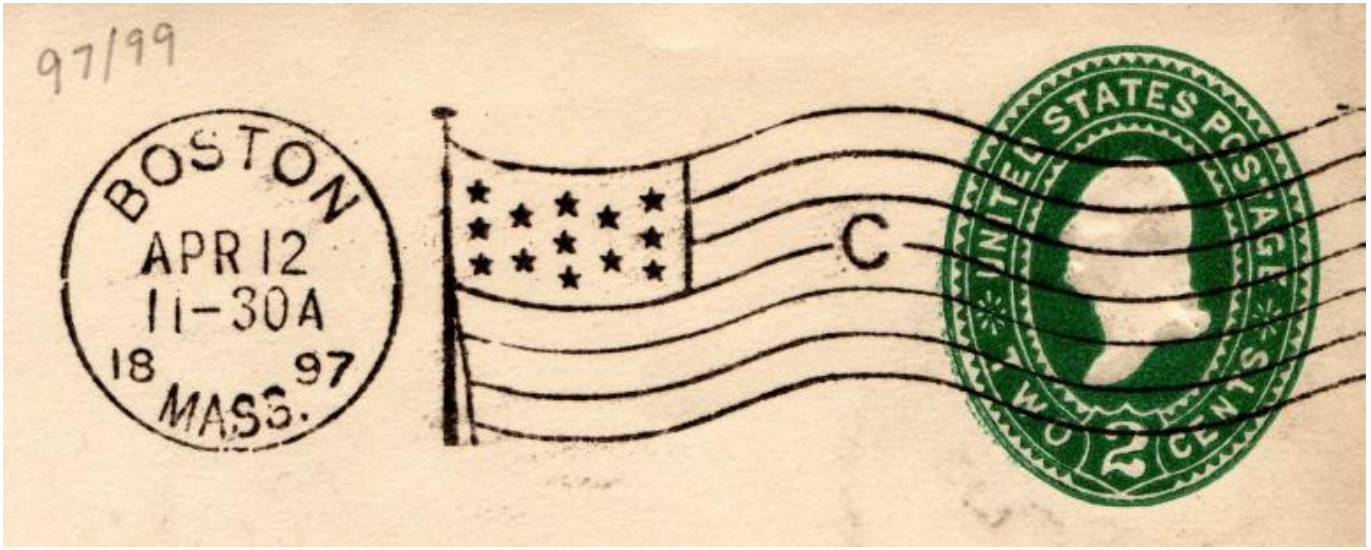
- Diespace: machine id's and zones



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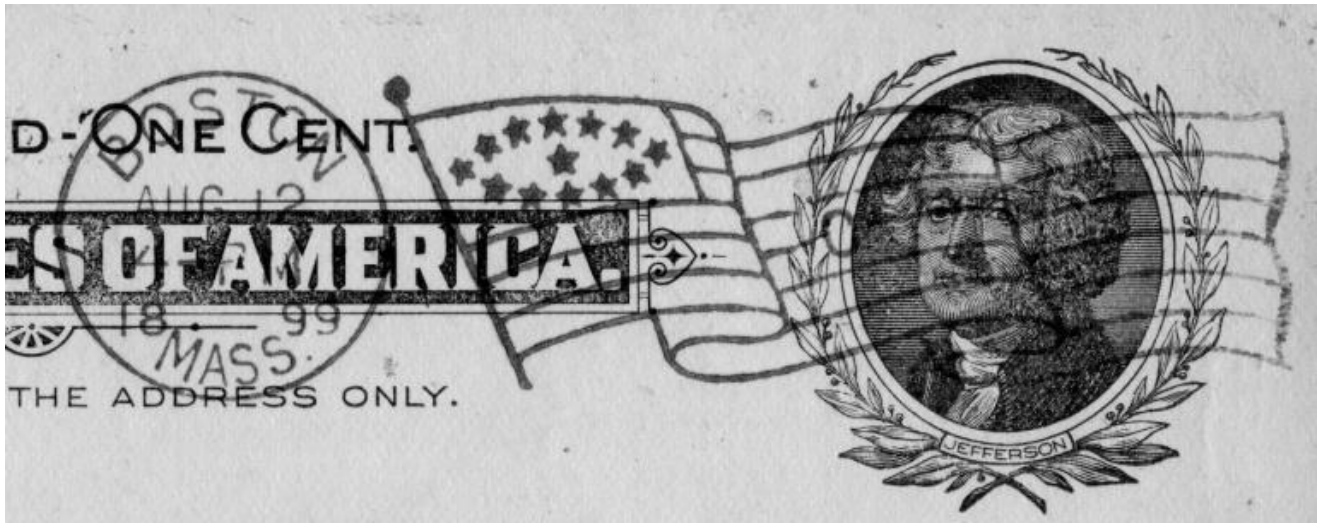
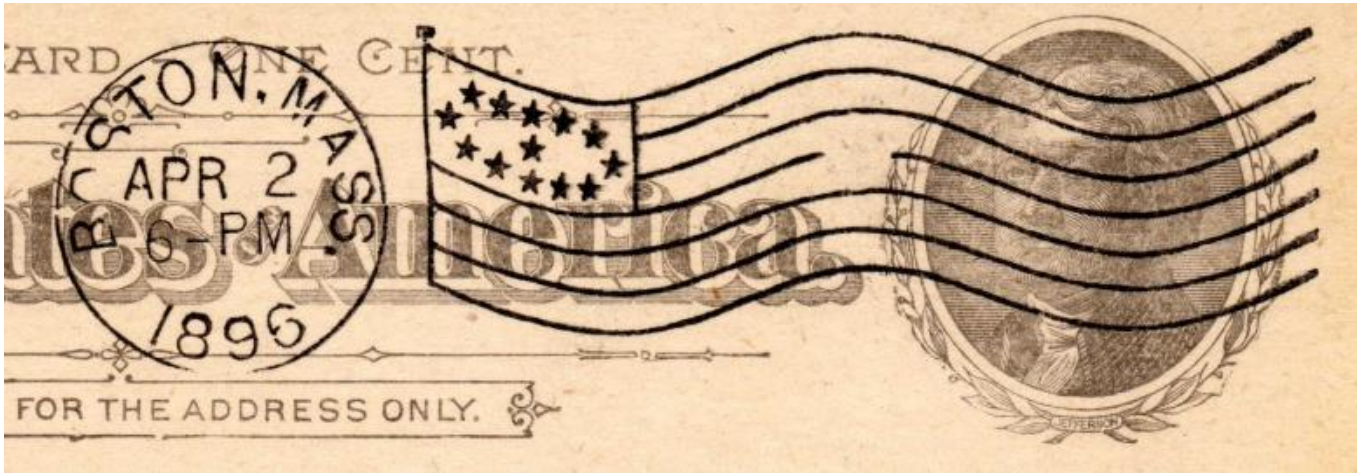
- Involute



- Ovate



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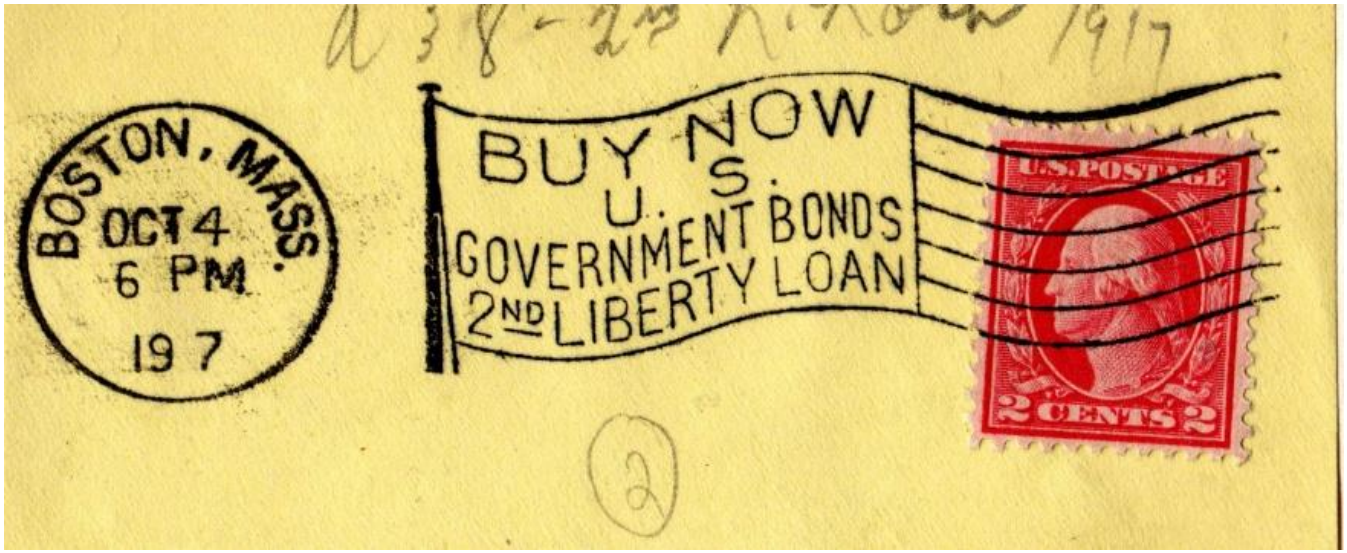
- Slogans



- Stations

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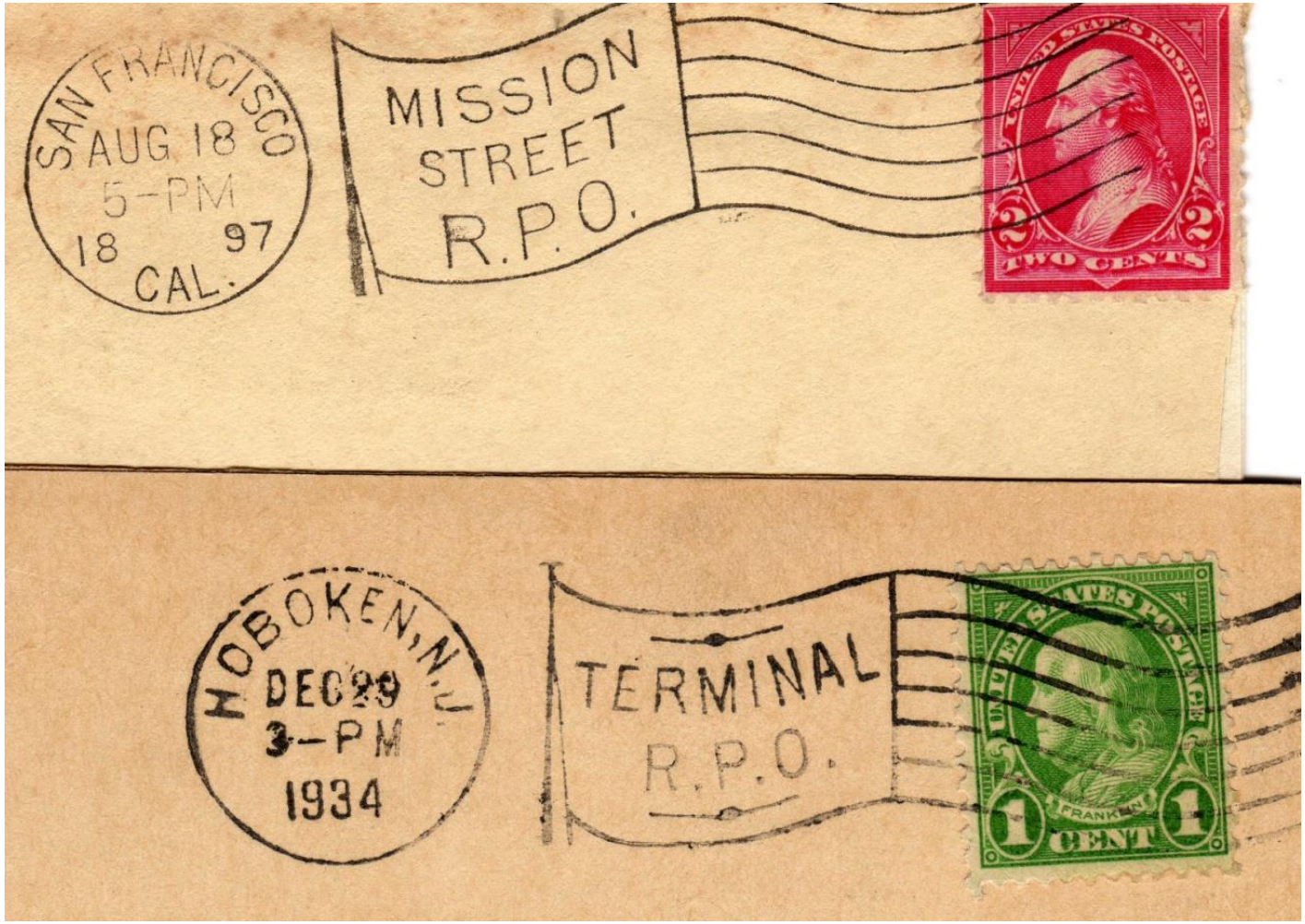
- Railway terminals and RMS



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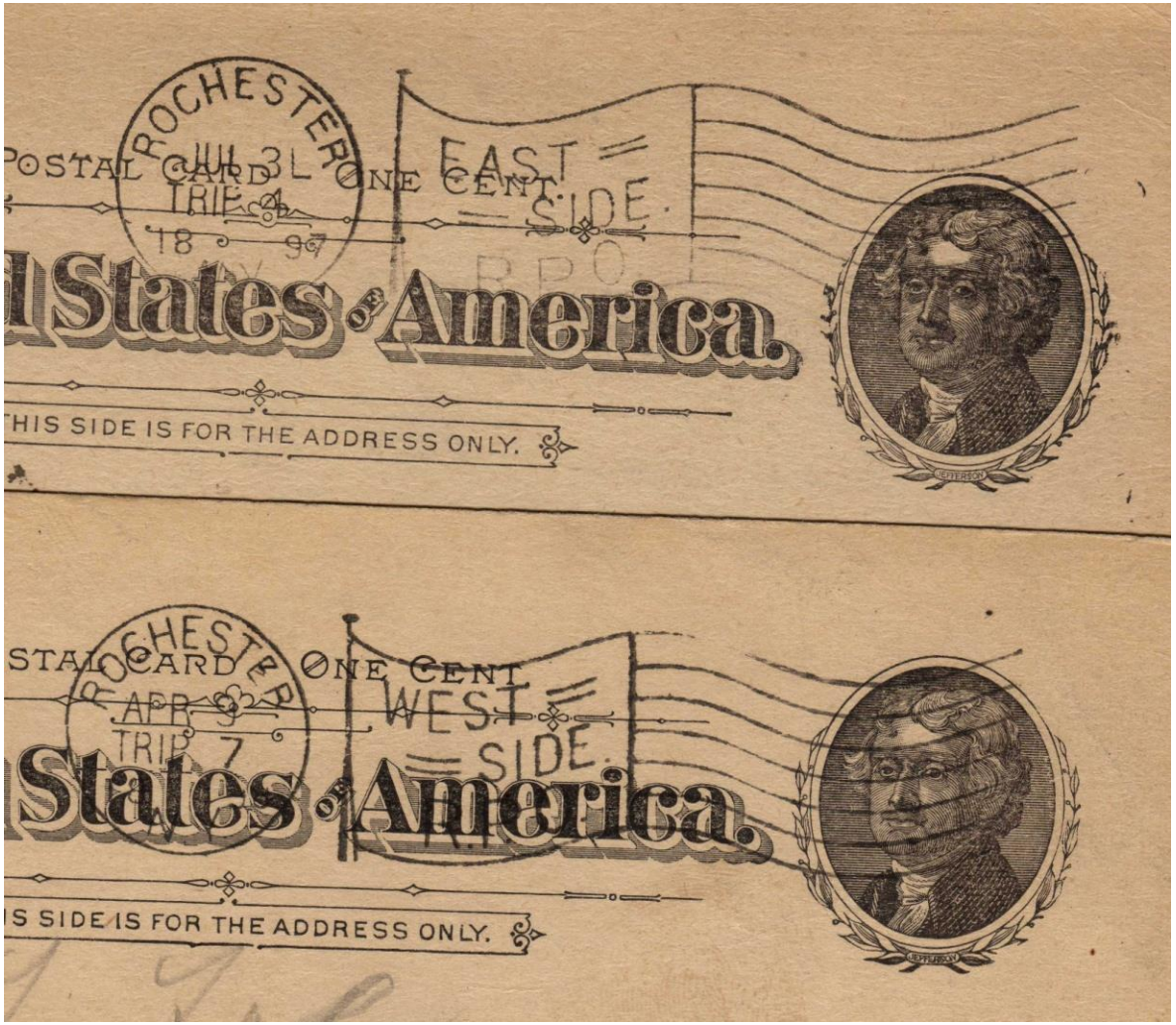
- Rochester NY Streetcars!



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- Error flags – no year and redundant year

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- Indian Territory (pre-1908 Oklahoma)

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- Military – AEF and US bases

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- Ships

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- Possessions

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- Classic handstamps
- – not APMC
- RFD

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- Classic
- Handstamps
- From NY

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- Modern – not APMC

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- I collect them !!!!!!!!
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